

Creative Arts

Division 13

Woodworking

**New Mexico State Fair
September 10 – 20, 2026**

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Entry Dates

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026**

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00

Fees are Non-Refundable

Special Rules

1. Only one entry per class. Entries must be created by exhibitor and not entered in a previous New Mexico State Fair, or any other competition.
2. Entries must be mainly made of wood.
3. Judges may reject or reclassify entries. Judges' decisions are final.
4. Entries must be one of a kind. Multiple items may be entered only if they are a set (ex. a pair of end tables) on space availability. Small items must be secured in a case or attached to a display.
5. Exhibitors name must be covered on the entry item during judging. **Price tags not allowed.**
6. Large items will be displayed in an open area on a space available basis. Models of buildings that require display on a table are limited to 3' x 3', footprint.
7. Items requiring hanging must have proper display hanging devices.
8. Exhibits accepted for display only on a space available basis, (not to be judged).
9. Precautions are taken for the safety of all entries, but in no case, will the New Mexico State Fair, the state of New Mexico, employees, contractors or volunteers be held liable for the loss or damages to any entry while in the Fair's possession. Participants are encouraged to carry their own insurance.
10. Participant recognizes that marketing of the Fair and its grounds requires use of photography and video. Participant hereby expressly grants to the Fair the irrevocable, assignable right and license to take, use and publish participant images and work without the need for any other approval. Images and work will not be used for profit.

11. Participants are responsible for picking up their own work or providing written authorization for pick-up by another individual.
12. Work must be picked up Tuesday, September 22, 2026, from 9:00am – 4:00pm. Any work remaining on the Fairgrounds after this date will be considered abandoned and shall become the property of the NM State Fair to be disposed of at its discretion.

Woodworking

Sections 503 – 507

Ribbon Awards

1st Place 2nd Place 3rd Place
Best of Show – Rosette

Note: Best of Show will be awarded only in Sections where there are three (3) or more entries.

Section 503:

Youth, 17 years and under who have not won a Youth Best of Show Award in previous years.

Section 504:

Novice, less than 2 years' experience and have not won a Best of Show as a Novice in a previous year.

Section 505:

Intermediate, 2 – 5 years' experience and have not won Best of Show as an Intermediate in a previous year.

Section 506:

Advanced, more than 5 years' experience and have not won a Best of Show as Advanced in a previous year.

Section 507:

Master, if in the past 3 years you sold your woodworking, have been paid as a woodworking instructor or amateurs who consider themselves highly advanced.

Each Section will Compete in the Following Classes:

Classes 1-14

1. Accessories, Examples: Lamps, Bookends, Cutting Boards, etc.
2. Cabinets, Sideboard, Chest of Drawers, etc. Typically involving fitted drawers and/or doors.
3. Furniture: Chairs, Tables, End Tables, Stools, Display Shelves, etc.
4. Nursery Related Items: Cradles, Cribs, Blanket/Hope Chests, Changing Tables.
5. Fretwork: Work done with Coping Saw, Jigsaw or Scroll Saw.
6. Inlay, Marquetry, Intarsia, etc.
7. Benches, Tool Boxes, Outdoor Items, etc.
8. Small Boxes, Jewelry Boxes, Game Chests, etc.
9. Toys, Puzzles, Riding Toys, etc.
10. Wooden Scale Models.
11. CNC, (Computer Numerical Control): CNC aided wood projects.
12. Musical Instruments
13. Miscellaneous Items not fitting any other class.
14. Restoration, Repurposing/Reclamation Projects.